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**PATENT APPLICATION****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Moher, Eric David, *et al.*  
Serial No.: 10/516,559  
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Title: Prodrugs of Excitatory Amino Acids  
Docket No.: X14978M

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

This Preliminary Amendment is provided in order to fully comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121 and is intended to replace the Preliminary Amendment previously provided for this application on November 30, 2004. Please amend this application as follows: